

*Washington, DC – U.S. Representative Rush Holt (NJ-12), a member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and Chair of the Select Intelligence Oversight Panel, today issued the following statement following a closed door briefing on the Flight 253 incident with Dennis Blair, Director of National Intelligence and Michael E. Leiter, Director of the National Counterterrorism Center.*

“Today, the House Intelligence Committee heard from the Director of National Intelligence and the head of the National Counterterrorism Center in great detail regarding the Christmas Day Flight 253 incident. I asked a number of questions about the genesis of this incident, as well as the measures taken by the intelligence community to prevent future lapses in our defenses. Based on what I heard today, I am certain that additional oversight actions will be necessary and I will play an active role in crafting any needed legislative or budgetary remedies required to stop similar attempts.”